

Sterling Recreation Department

1 Park Street, Sterling, MA 01564

Meeting Minutes

August 21, 2012 – 1835 Town Hall- meeting started 7:17 pm.

Attendance: Mike Regan, Bob Finizio, Mark Hryniewicz, Jess Moran, Jo-ann Cummings, and Judy Janda

Review Minutes:

- Review of July 17, 2012 minutes. Mike made a motion to approve, Jess 2nd, all approved.

Finance Report:

- #2701-\$85,914.14, #2705- \$6536.32, #2703- \$2536.23, #2704- \$3,654.54, Appropriated expenses- \$3,766.54, & Appropriated payroll- \$41,857.94.
- Bob made a motion to approve, Mike 2nd, all approved.

1835 door lock:

- Beth just received a second bid for locks.

Fields:

- Painting on the Babe Ruth dug-outs is complete.
- We discussed the Babe Ruth field and what would be the best use of the field. Mike will check with little league to see if there is future interest in a Sterling based Babe Ruth league.
- Discussion to have the fields fertilized only 3 times from spring to fall in the next contract and focus more on the weed control for the infields.
- Rud from Princetonscapes, Inc. has volunteered to do the infields at West Sterling
- Tom Stevens has sent in a request to use the Griffin Fields (outer area) for the 2012 Baystate Cyclocross on 11/26 & 11/27. They will be allowed provided: no cars on the track or fields, all vendors have permits, and follow the parking locations as stated on the diagram that has been provided by the Rec committee. Non-refundable fee of \$500.00 payable to the Recreation Committee for field care.
- Joann made the motion to raise the fee to \$500.00 for the Cylcocross, Jess 2nd the motion, all approved

Track:

- There has been no response from the contractor in regards to start date

Summer & Fall Programs update:

- We reviewed the request to offer a US FIRST Lego League. The person requesting will have to see if there is an interest and if they can raise their own money through sponsors and tuitions
- This is the last week of summer programs. The office has received many positive comments about all of the summer programs and staff
- Discussion about the scarecrow project for the town common during the last two weeks of October along with the pumpkin carving activity. Mike will get the strapping for the scarecrows, Judy will contact West Boylston to get ideas on how to run this activity as well as check with Terri A. to see who we have to contact to for permission to run this activity.
- A copy of the YakShare program with StillRiver Outfitters was handed out to review for the September meeting.

Basketball:

- Reviewed important dates for basketball. Bob and Jess will run the play day for division II on Wednesday, November 7 from 5:30-7:30 in Houghton. Mike, Mark, and Judy will do the pre-season games in Chocksett from 6:00-8:00 on the same day.
- Bob requested a spread sheet for basketball assignments.
- Assigned head coaches will attend both events.
- The cost for basketball was raised \$5.00 to help cover the cost of the program.

Special Town Meeting:

- We discussed the possibility of presenting an article for non-resident beach passes. Judy will contact Chief Chamberlain to get his input and we will look into some of the other towns programs for passes. The results of facts, pros and cons, will be reviewed at the meeting in September.

Announcements:

- Mike made a request to offer a trip to Foxwood trip in January and March. Judy will look into setting this up.
- Judy spoke with Tony Cipro in regards to offering an afterschool program starting next fall and possibly a before school program from the 1835 building.

Adjourned: 9:00 pm